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How are persons selected to become Habitat homeowners?

The "Family Selection Committee" is comprised of board members and individuals willing to assist in the selection process. The committee must evaluate the prospective homeowners need, income and willingness to partner with Habitat.

- Potential homeowners must attend a public meeting to receive an application packet.
- Public meetings are announced in advance
- A deadline to return applications is announced during the meeting

Once all of the applications are received by the committee, the committee must then obtain police background checks, employment history, public assistance information, etc. which normally take 6-8 weeks.

The committee makes home visits to interview potential homeowners to answer questions they may have about the process.

Once the committee makes their decision, the family is recommended to the Board of Directors. After the Board of Directors makes their decision, the person(s) are notified.

Construction of a new home begins. In some instances Habitat will have a previously built Habitat home that needs to be renovated.

A "family advocate" is assigned to advise the homeowner of the various aspects during the construction or renovation process. The advocate keeps a written record of the hours of "sweat equity" that the person(s) are working; they assist the homeowners in choosing paint, flooring, lighting fixtures, etc.

Houses are constructed primarily by volunteers in the community. The funds used to build homes are derived from fund raising events and donations to the local Jefferson County affiliate of Habitat.

Once the home is completed and the required hours of "sweat equity" is met, a dedication ceremony is held. All volunteers, donors, and the public are invited to attend the ceremony.

Habitat encourages homeowners to participate on the next home construction or renovation.

**Prayer Request**

Rose Abner, Linda Spann's mother

William Webb, Josh Webb's father

